



Laser Masters Midwinters

US Sailing Center of Martin County, Jensen Beach FL • February 6,7,& 8, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors shall choose to participate in the Laser (Full Rig) Division or the Radial Division for the duration of the regatta. (No Rig Swapping is permitted) If the number of entries in either Division exceeds 70 boats, the Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, use a split format for that Division. The criteria and method used for Division Splits will be posted on the Notice Board.
- 1.3 All hails will use the last 4 digits of the sail number. The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats. The timing of such hails, the order of hails, or the failure of a competitor to hear the hails shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the RC under RRS 62.1 (a). The RC will make recordings of the starting sequences available for competitors to listen to 30 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 1.4 The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.5 RRS 30.3 is deleted and replaced by the wording of Appendix L 11.5 (U-flag rule),
- 1.6 Appendix T Section A *Penalties While Racing* shall apply.
- 1.7 Appendix T Section B *Post Race Penalties* shall apply.
- 1.8 Appendix T Section C *Expedited Hearings* shall apply. The requirements of RRS 61.2 and 62.2 are waived.
- 1.9 The full text of all changes to RRS will appear in the sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Members of the ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter.
- 2.2 Proof of ILCA membership is required at Registration, and ILCA membership forms will be available.
- 2.3 Entries may be made online at www.uscmc.org under Upcoming Regattas.
- 2.4 No entries or fleet changes will be accepted after 1000 Friday, February 05.

3. Fees

- 3.1 Registration and entry fees must be received at USSCMC no later than Monday, 01 February 2016. The entry fee is \$120/boat.
- 3.2 All registrations received from 02 February to 05 February 2016 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.
- 3.3 Entry fee includes continental breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning, bottled water and snacks while sailing, Saturday and Sunday evening beer and dinner, and awards Monday after sailing.

4. Schedule of Races

Saturday, 06 February 0800 - 1000 Registration 1030 Skippers Meeting 1130 First warning signal – subsequent races to follow

Cook out to follow racing & de-rigging

Sunday, 07 February

1030 First warning signal – subsequent races to follow

Cook out to follow racing & de-rigging

Monday, 08 February

1030 First warning signal – subsequent races to follow

1500 No warning signal after 1500 *Awards to follow after last race*

There will be a maximum of 4 races per day.

5. Inspection and Measurement

5.1 Boats, gear, and sails may be inspected at any time for conformance to Class Rules.

5.2 Sails must display the full 5 or 6 digit numbers in accordance with the Class Rules, and must have the builder button.

6. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available no later than at on-site registration.

7. Courses

Course will be an Inside / Outside Trapezoid, Windward / Leeward, or other as shown in the sailing instructions.

8. Scoring

8.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

8.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. A boat may exclude her worst score after 5 races have been completed.

8.3 Twelve races are scheduled.

8.4 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows: • Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8. • Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

8.5 The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters - add 0.

9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

10. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

11. Qualification for 2016 Masters World Championships

This regatta is part of the 2016 Florida Masters Week Series

12. Boat Charters

12.1 A link has been provided for Laser Owners to charter their privately owned boats to Laser Master Competitors. Use this link to a Google doc

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EAoXLAYZmbX5B8DUTIs0Hn-r9jzzcB-7hvZ-XCLKSkk/edit?usp=sharing>

12.2 The Tackle Shack. Andy Le Vine andy@tackleshack.com

13. Local Accommodations

Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels are support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates...

Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie: 772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044

Best Western PLUS: 772-287-6200

Hampton Inn Stuart 772-692-6922

14. Further Information

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Amendment 1; Date: 13 January 2016

NOR 1.2 is amended as follows.

1.2 Competitors shall choose to participate in the Laser (Standard Rig) Division or the Radial Division for the duration of the regatta. ***(No Rig Swapping is permitted in the Laser Division however in the Radial Division, either the Radial or the 4.7 rig may be used at any time. Rigs shall only be changed on shore and all sails shall have the same number.)*** Competitors must sail in the **Division in which they originally register.** If the number of entries in either Division exceeds 70 boats, the Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, use a split format for that Division. The criteria and method used for Division Splits will be posted on the Notice Board.

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